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(v) Civil Justice.

137. The jurisdiction of the High Court of Mysore was extended to the State of Coorg with effect from 1st April 1953 by virtue of the Mysore High Court (Extension of Jurisdiction to Coorg) Act, 1952. Under that Act the High Court at Madras which has jurisdiction to entertain or dispose of any proceeding in relation to Coorg ceased to exercise such jurisdiction from the said date.

138. Seven taluks of Bellary District were added on to the State of Mysore under the Andhra State Act with effect from 1st October 1953 and the jurisdiction of the High Court of Mysore was extended to that area from the said date.

First Appeals.

139. The number of First Appeals instituted was 357 (including three refiled) against 276 in the previous year.

Disposals.

140. Including 570 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 927 (851). The number of appeals disposed of was 103 of the aggregate value of Rs. 12,98,101 as against 281 of the aggregate value of Rs. 8,50,195 in the previous year.

Average duration.

141. The average duration of 103 appeals disposed of during the year was 770·26 days as against 652·0 days in the previous year.

Second Appeals.

142. The number of Second Appeals filed was 688 (including nine refiled) as against 615 in the previous year.

Disposals.

143. Out of 1,567 Second Appeals for disposal (879 appeals of the previous year) 657 appeals were disposed of leaving a balance of 910 at the end of the year.

Civil Revision Petitions.

144. The number of Civil Revision Petitions pending at the beginning of the year was 300. Seven hundred and fifty-one petitions (including 7 refiled) were filed as against 912 in the previous year. Of these, 704 (863) were disposed of leaving 347 (300) pending at the end of the year.

Writ Petitions.

145. Seventy-six Writ Petitions were disposed of leaving 72 pending at the end of the year.

146. The total receipts and charges of the Civil Courts (including the High Court) during the year was Rs. 21,74,786 (Rs. 17,69,773) and Rs. 20,89,021 (Rs. 19,65,822) respectively.

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147. The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was 151 (88). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 1,220 of whom 34 were from outside Mysore State. Legal Practitioners.

148. Excluding the courts of the Bellary District which came under the jurisdiction of the High Court, the number of courts in the State subordinate to the High Court was 48. Courts subordinate to the High Court.

149. The total receipts of the Courts subordinate to the High Court were Rs. 19,66,031 (Rs. 16,05,906) and the charges Rs. 17,02,209 (Rs. 16,13,784).

150. The total number of both original and Small Cause suits instituted was 28,725 (excluding 1,359 refiled and remanded suits) as against 25,849 in the previous year. On the Original Side the institutions were 18,762 as against 16,998 and on the Small Cause Side 9,963 as against 8,851. The number of original Suits instituted in the District Courts was 301 (245). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 713 (694) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 17,748 (16,059). On the Small Cause Side the number instituted in the District Court at Civil Station, Bangalore, was 515 (380). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 4,921 (4,809) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 4,527 (3,662). Suits.

151. The total number of ordinary suits disposed of was 19,448 (17,970) and the Small Cause suits disposed of was 10,277 (8,938). The total number of both ordinary and small cause suits disposed of during the year was 29,725 (26,908).

152. The total number of Execution Applications filed was 32,573 (28,389). The number disposed of was 30,060 (27,323) and the number left pending was 14,225 (11,712). The number of cases pending over one year was 764 (596). Of these, 579 were pending in the Bangalore Division, 79 in the Mysore Division, 68 in the Shimoga Division and 38 in the Courts of the Civil Station, Bangalore. The total amount realised in execution of decrees was Rs. 62,01,801 (Rs. 26,01,701). Execution of Decrees.

153. The number of insolvency applications for disposal during the year was 272 (208). The number disposed of was 142 (124). The amount realised out of the insolvents' assets was Rs. 32,892-10-2 (Rs. 13,918-3-5.) Insolvency.

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Courts in Bellary District.

154. By virtue of the Andhra State Act, 1953, the Courts in Bellary District came under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Mysore with effect from 1st October 1953. In pursuance of the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Order, 1953, the laws in force in the Bellary District on the date of the merger continued to be in force. The practice and procedure which had been prescribed by the High Court of Madras are still being followed by the courts in the District.

(vi) Prisons.

155. The health, discipline and conduct of prisoners were on the whole good during the year. The recommendations of the Prisons Reforms Committee were given effect to in jails and lock-ups.

156. The religious ministers of the jails at Bangalore and Mysore continued to visit the respective jails regularly once a week to impart religious and moral instructions to the prisoners. A library containing books on religious and moral subjects is attached to each of the jails at Bangalore and Mysore for the use of prisoners who borrow books and read them during leisure hours.

Jails.

157. The Central Jail at Bangalore, the Central Jail at Bellary, the Allipuram Jail, Bellary, and one District Jail at Mysore continued to work durnig the year.

District Lock-ups.

158. Seven Lock-ups were working in all the District Headquarters except Bangalore, Bellary and Mysore.

Special Lock-ups.

159. The Special Lock-up at Kolar Gold Fields commenced functioning from 1st August 1953 after the buildings were constructed in addition to the Special Lock-up at Davangere.

Taluk Lock-ups and Sub-Jails.

160. Twenty Lock-ups were working in important Taluk Headquarters excluding the Lock-up at Davangere and five Sub-jails at Bellary, Kudlige, Hospet, Harapanahalli, and Sandur.

161. There were 3,191 male and 19 female convicts in the Jails, Sub-Jails and Lock-ups in the State at the beginning of the year. Out of 13,882 males and 374 females admitted during the year, 17,073 males and 393 females were received direct from Courts; 4,776 males and 153 females by transfer. During the year, 12,391 males and